

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A lighted switch device comprising:
 - a first operating knob;
 - a plurality of second operating knobs comprising a pair of adjacent second operating knobs and disposed around the first operating knob;
 - a case having a front plate for mounting the first operating knob and the plurality of second operating knobs;
 - a light source accommodated in the case;
 - a light conductor for transmitting exiting light from the light source to an outer peripheral portion of the first operating knob; and
 - a light-shielding member, which is disposed at one of the pair of adjacent second operating knobs and which protrudes in a gap disposed between the pair of adjacent second operating knobs, for preventing light from leaking into the gap from the light conductor.
2. (Original) A lighted switch device according to Claim 1, wherein the other of the pair of second operating knobs has a recess for inserting an end of the light-shielding member.
3. (Original) A lighted switch device according to Claim 1, wherein the first operating knob is a rotary knob, and wherein the plurality of second operating knobs are push knobs.
4. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 1, wherein the light-shielding member concentrically surrounds the light conductor and has openings between the plurality of second operating knobs.
5. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of second operating knobs substantially completely surround the first operating knob.
6. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 5, wherein the plurality of second operating knobs are disposed such that the light-shielding

member is disposed at each second operating knob and protrudes in the gap disposed between adjacent second operating knobs.

7. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 6, wherein the light-shielding member concentrically surrounds the light conductor and has openings between the plurality of second operating knobs.

8. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 7, wherein edges of the plurality of second operating knobs match a curvature of the first operating knob.

9. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 6, wherein each of the plurality of second operating knobs has a recess in which an end of the light-shielding member is disposed.

10. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 1, wherein the light-shielding member is separate from the case.

11. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 10, wherein the light-shielding member overlaps the case in a thickness direction of the first operating knob.

12. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 10, wherein the light-shielding member does not overlap the case in a radial direction of the first operating knob.

13. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 2, wherein the end of the light-shielding member in the recess overlaps the light-shielding member at the other of the pair of second operating knobs in a radial direction of the first operating switch.

14. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 2, wherein at least three sides of the end of the light-shielding member in the recess is surrounded by the recess.

15. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 2, wherein the light-shielding member on the other of the pair of second operating knobs is disposed on at least two sides of the recess.

16. (New) A lighted switch device comprising:
a first operating knob;
a plurality of adjacent second operating knobs disposed around the first operating knob, the adjacent second operating knobs disposed such that a gap is present between the adjacent second operating knobs;
a case having a front plate in which the first operating knob and the plurality of second operating knobs are mounted;
a light source accommodated in the case;
a light conductor through which light from the light source is transmitted to an outer peripheral portion of the first operating knob; and
a light-shielding member disposed at the adjacent second operating knobs and extending across the gap, the light-shielding member separate from the case.

17. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 16, wherein an end of the light-shielding member protrudes into a recess formed in each of the adjacent second operating knobs.

18. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 17, wherein the light-shielding member at the adjacent second operating knobs and protruding into the recess overlap such that the light-shielding member substantially completely surrounds the first operating knob in a radial direction of the first operating knob.

19. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 16, wherein the light-shielding member is disposed at edges of the second operating knobs that match a curvature of the first operating knob.

20. (New) A lighted switch device according to Claim 16, wherein the light-shielding member that protrudes in the recess does not contact the light-shielding member at the second operating knob containing the recess along an edge of the second operating knob containing the recess.